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**Amendments to the Drawings**

None

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### Remarks

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Written Office Action.

With regard to the substantive portion of the Written Office Action, restriction was required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to Group I (Claims 1 – 11) and Group II (Claims 12 – 20); the drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a) as not showing every feature of the claims; Claims 1 – 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 ¶2 as being indefinite; Claims 1, 2, 5, and 6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Bryant et al. (US 2004/0035063); and Claims 3 – 4 and 7 – 11 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

In response to the Written Office Action, Claims 1 and 7 are amended; Claims 1 – 3, 5 – 7, and 12 – 20 are canceled; and Claims 21 – 25 are new.

#### Restriction/Election

The Applicant affirms the election of Group I. Claims 12 – 20 are canceled.

#### Objection to the Drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a)

The “cap” has been removed from the claims. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests removal of the objection to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a).

#### Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112 ¶2

Claims 1 – 3 and 5 – 6 are amended to remove uncertainty and Claim 4 is canceled. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests removal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. ¶2.

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Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102(e)

The Claims are amended to include subject matter not disclosed by the cited art.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests removal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C 102(e).

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

The Claims are amended to include subject matter not disclosed by the cited art.

Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests removal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C 103(a).

New Claims

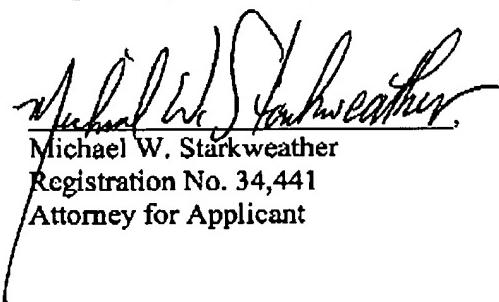
Claims 21 – 25 are new. Claims 21 – 25 include subject matter disclosed in paragraphs 26 – 36 of the present application. Accordingly, the Applicant believes there to be no new matter. Further, Claims 21 – 25 include subject matter not disclosed in the cited references. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests prompt allowance of the New Claims.

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Conclusion

For these reasons, it is believed that none of the prior art teaches the claimed invention. Furthermore, it is believed that the foregoing amendment has adequate support in the specification, and accordingly there should be no new matter. Applicant believes the pending claims have addressed each of the issues pointed out by the Examiner in the Office Action. In light of the foregoing amendment, the claims should be in a condition for allowance. Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the proposed changes, Applicant again invites the Examiner to do so by telephone conference.

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